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GOLD

GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN GOLD*...

AFTER A NEW BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS KIDNAPS THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, THE DEBATE OVER WHETHER MUTANTS AND HUMANS CAN COEXIST IS REIGNITED IN THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE. MEANWHILE, GAMBIT WAS HIRED BY OLIVIA TRASK—A RELATIVE OF BOLIVAR TRASK, CREATOR OF THE MUTANT-HUNTING SENTINELS—TO STEAL A VIAL OF NANITES CAPABLE OF SELF-REPLICATING INTO A “SMART SWARM.” WHEN GAMBIT TRIED TO RENEG ON THE DEAL, THE NANITES GOT LOOSE AND MERGED WITH SENTINEL A.I., MANIFESTING IN A NEW BIPEDAL HUMANOID FORM...

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KITTY PRYDE



STORM
ORORO MUNROE



NIGHTCRAWLER
KURT WAGNER



COLOSSUS
PIOTR RASPUTIN



PRESTIGE
RACHEL GREY



OLD MAN LOGAN

MANHATTAN.

STOLEN
NANOTECHNOLOGY
MERGED WITH
SENTINEL A.I.

THIS IS WHY
I GOTTA INSIST
ON GETTING
PAID UP FRONT.





01000100
01101001
01100101 00100000
0110101 0110101
01101000 01100001
01101110 0110100
00101110

CRACK

IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER
THAT KITTY TOLD ME
"01000100 01101001
01100101 00100000
01101101 01110101 01110100
01100001 01101110
01110100 00101110" MEANT
"DIE MUTANT" IN BINARY.

THOUGH AT
THE TIME, IT
DIDN'T LOOK
LIKE THERE'D
BE A "LATER".



GAMBIT.
GOOD TO
SEE YOU.

CHÈRE,
YOUR TIMING'S
IMPECCABLE
AS EVER.

PLEASE
TELL ME THE
REST OF YOUR
FRIENDS ARE
HERE AS
WELL.

REMY, I'M
DISAPPOINTED...



GET HER SECURED ON THE JET, THEN HELP LOGAN.





"HE'S HANDLING
SEARCH AND
RESCUE."

SIR, I
NEED YOU
TO GET BACK
DOWN THE
STAIRS.

SCREW
THAT. I'M
HERE TO
HELP.

YOU CAN
HELP BY NOT
BEING HERE,
GRANDPA.



LIEUTENANT,
WE'VE GOT
CIVILIANS TRAPPED
IN THE SOUTHEAST
CORNER.



DEBRIS IS
BLOCKING THE
DOOR. WE CAN'T
GET THROUGH.



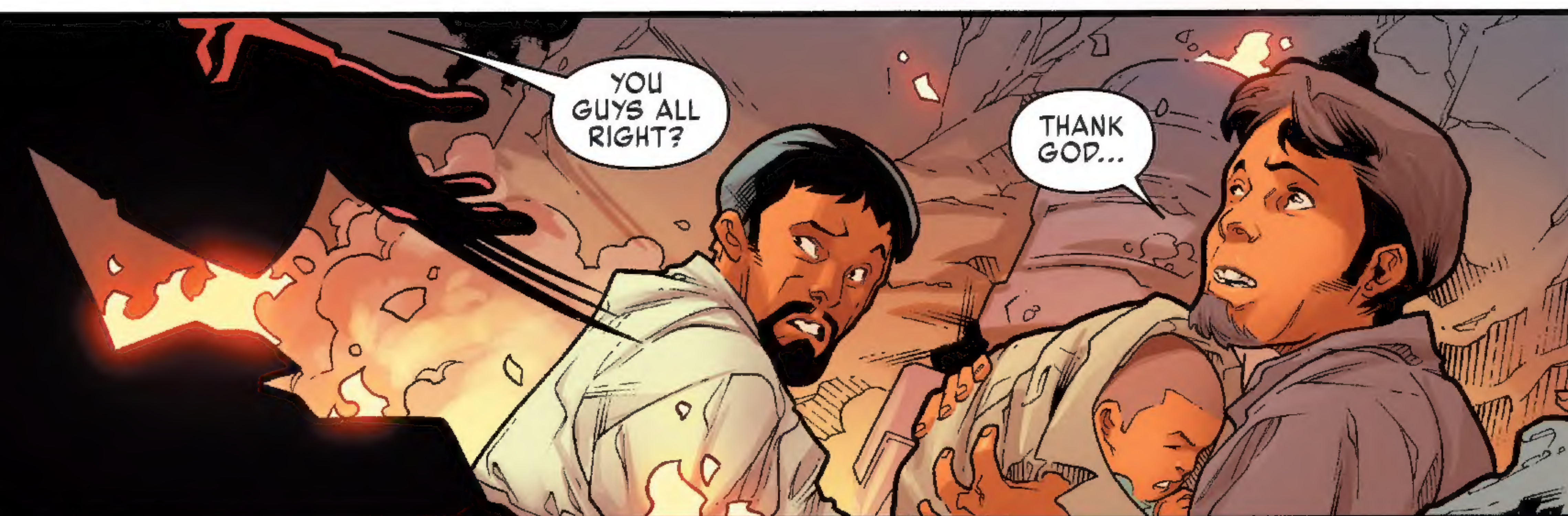
GRANDPAH!

SHRAASH

AND DON'T
CALL ME
"GRANDPA."



IT'S
TOO HEAVY
TO MOVE...





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OH,
THAT'S NOT
GOOD...

YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND
THAT THING,
KITTY?

IT'S
SPEAKING
IN BINARY.



"SENTINEL
PROGRAMMING
IS IN EFFECT."

"PROTOCOL:
ELIMINATE GENETIC
MUTATIONS."



DEFINITELY
NOT GOOD.

FASTBALL
SPECIAL,
PETER.

REALLY?

C'MON,
YOU KNOW HOW
MUCH YOU LOVE
TO DO IT WITH
ME.



THAT CAME
OUT TOTALLY
WRONG.



ACCORDING TO GAMBIT,
THIS THING'S JUST A
CLOUD OF NANITES.



NANITES ARE
MOLECULAR
BITS OF TECH.

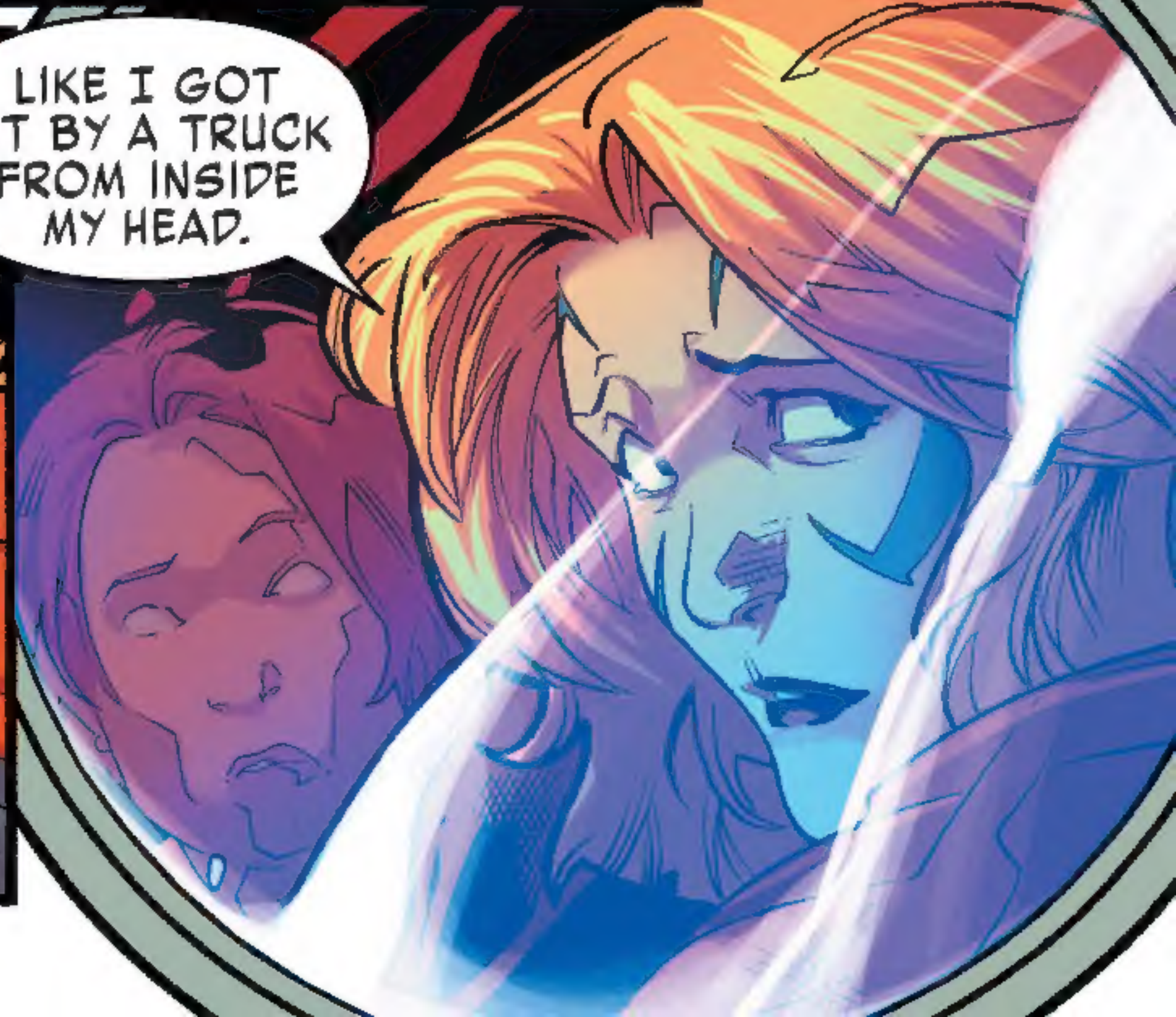
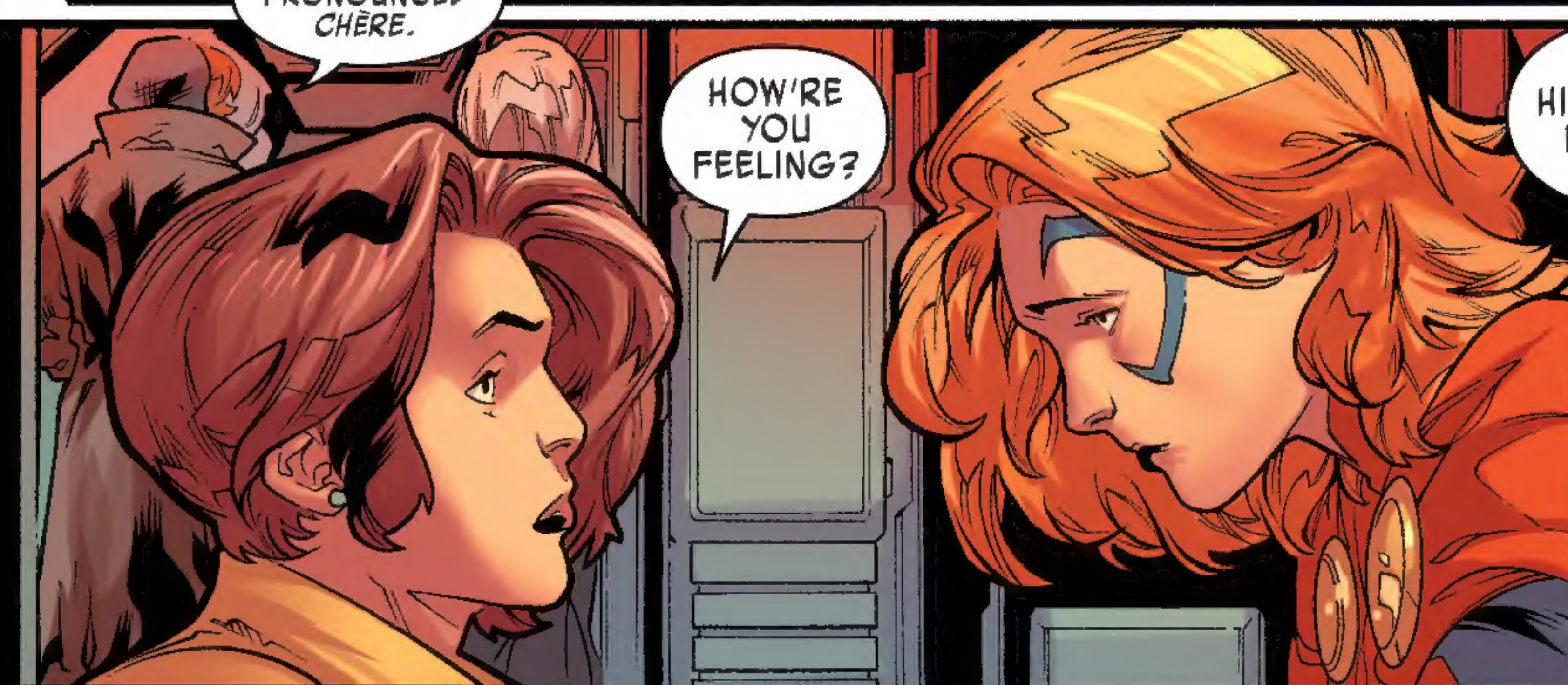


WHEN I
PHASE...

...I DECIMATE
TECH.



BOO-YAH.



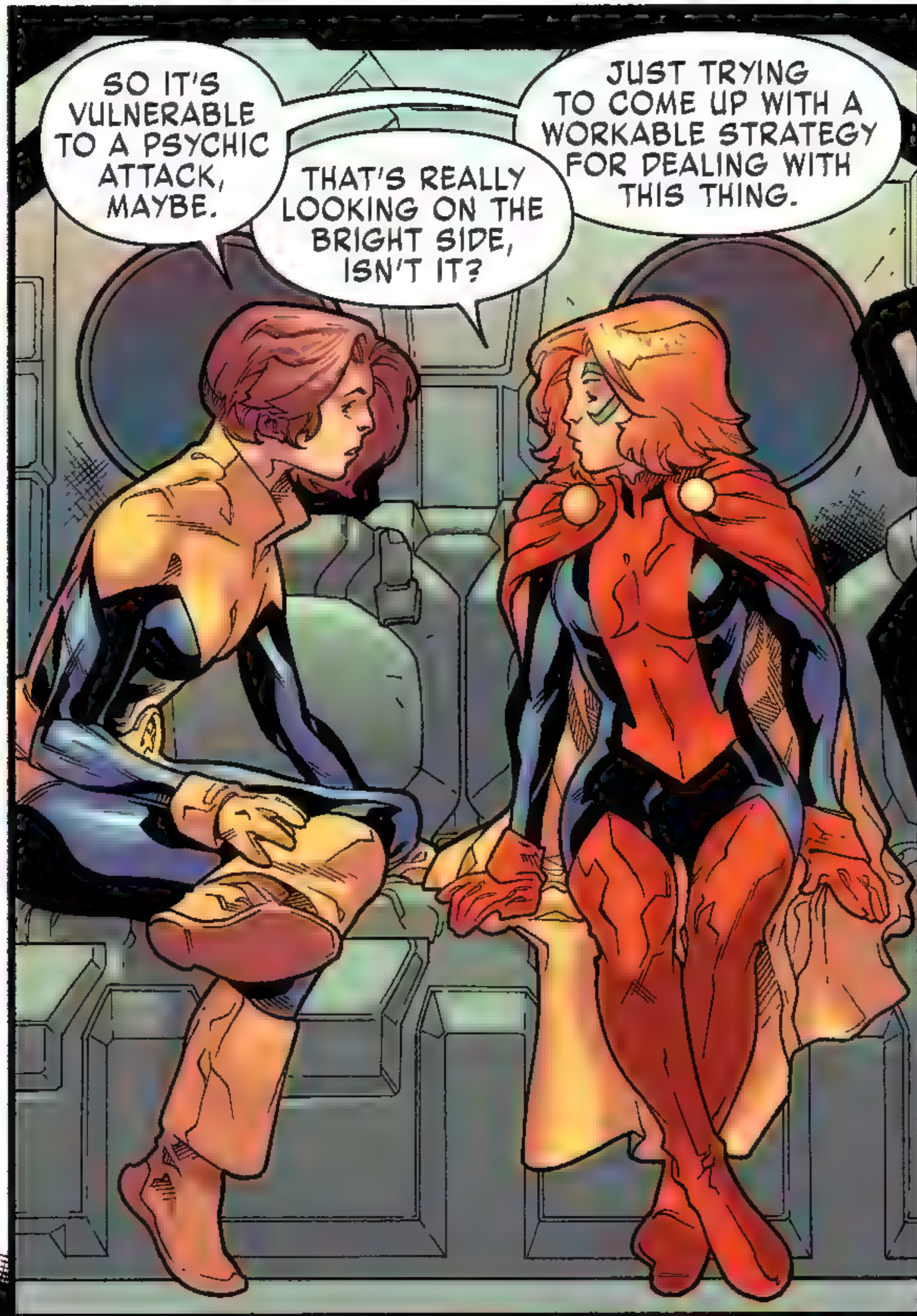


WHEN YOU PHASED THROUGH HIM-- IT--I EXPERIENCED MAJOR *PSYCHIC BACKLASH*.

IT'S MORE THAN A SENTINEL. IT'S *CONSCIOUS*.



IT'S *SELF-AWARE*.



SO IT'S VULNERABLE TO A PSYCHIC ATTACK, MAYBE.

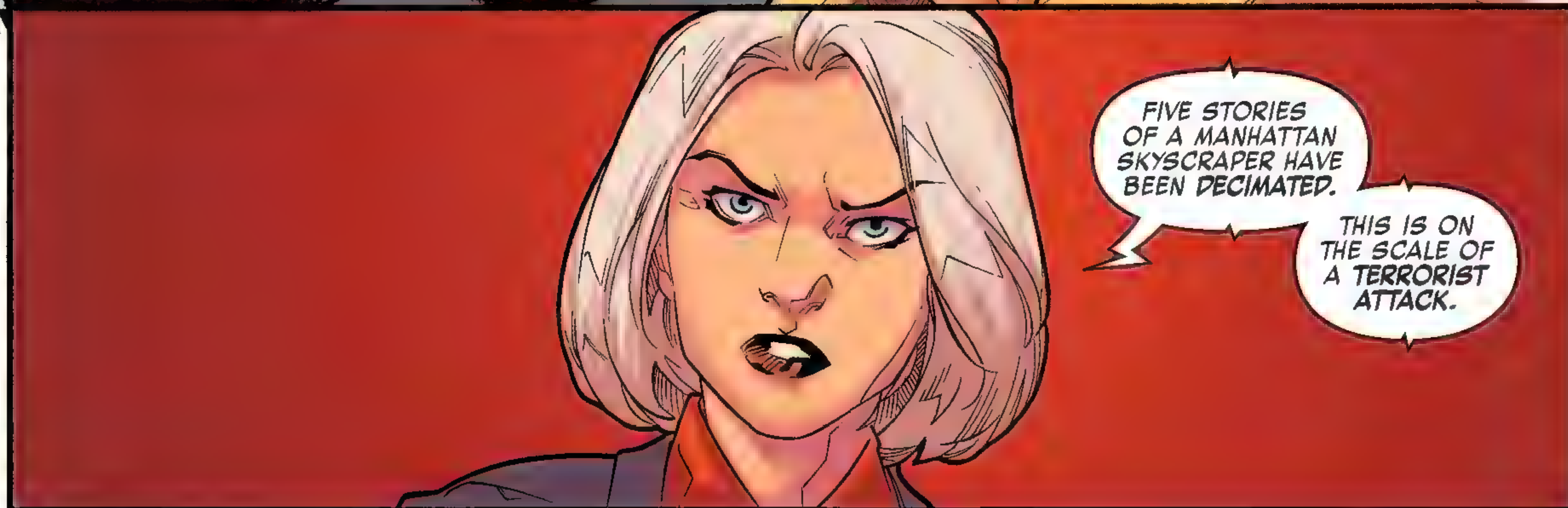
THAT'S REALLY LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, ISN'T IT?

JUST TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WORKABLE STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH THIS THING.



BECAUSE A SELF-AWARE SENTINEL NANO-SWARM COULD BE OUR WORST NIGHTMARE.

"THIS IS A NIGHTMARE."



FIVE STORIES OF A MANHATTAN SKYSCRAPER HAVE BEEN DECIMATED.

THIS IS ON THE SCALE OF A TERRORIST ATTACK.

AND THOSE
TERRORISTS ARE
THE X-MEN.

THE
FACT
CHANNEL

LYDIA NANCE



I THOUGHT
KITTY SHUT THIS
WOMAN DOWN.

APPARENTLY
NOT.

THEY WERE
SEEN IN THE
PRESENCE THIS
EVENING OF REMY
LEBEAU...

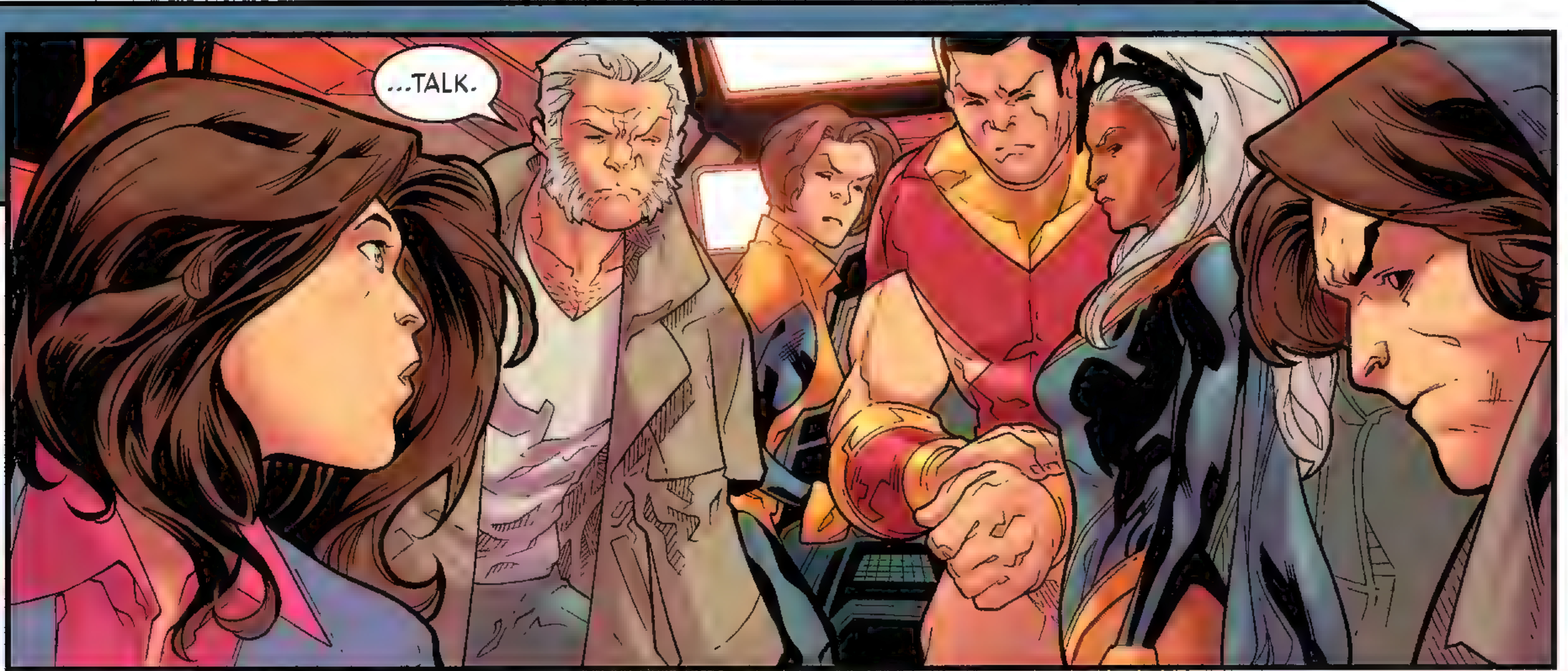
...A KNOWN
FELON WITH ARREST
WARRANTS OUT ON HIM
IN NO LESS THAN
SIXTEEN DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES...

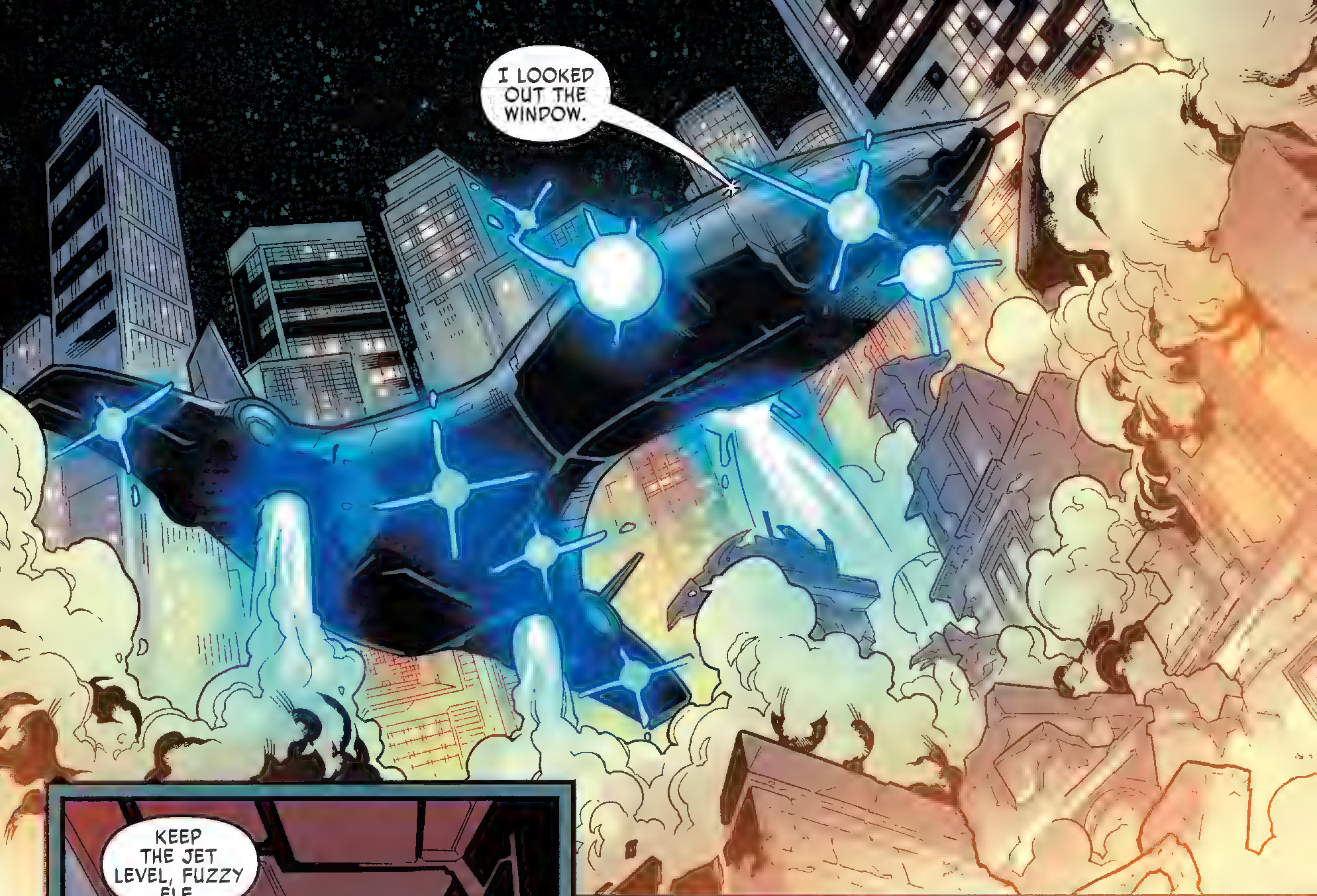
...WHOM THE
X-MEN HAVE
PROVIDED SAFE
HARBOR TO
FOR YEARS.

TONIGHT'S
DESTRUCTION,
THE LOSS OF PEOPLE'S
HOMES, THE DANGER TO
INNOCENT LIVES, AND
WHATEVER HAPPENS
NEXT...

...THE X-MEN
WILL BE HELD
RESPONSIBLE.

"ALL
RIGHT..."





I LOOKED
OUT THE
WINDOW.

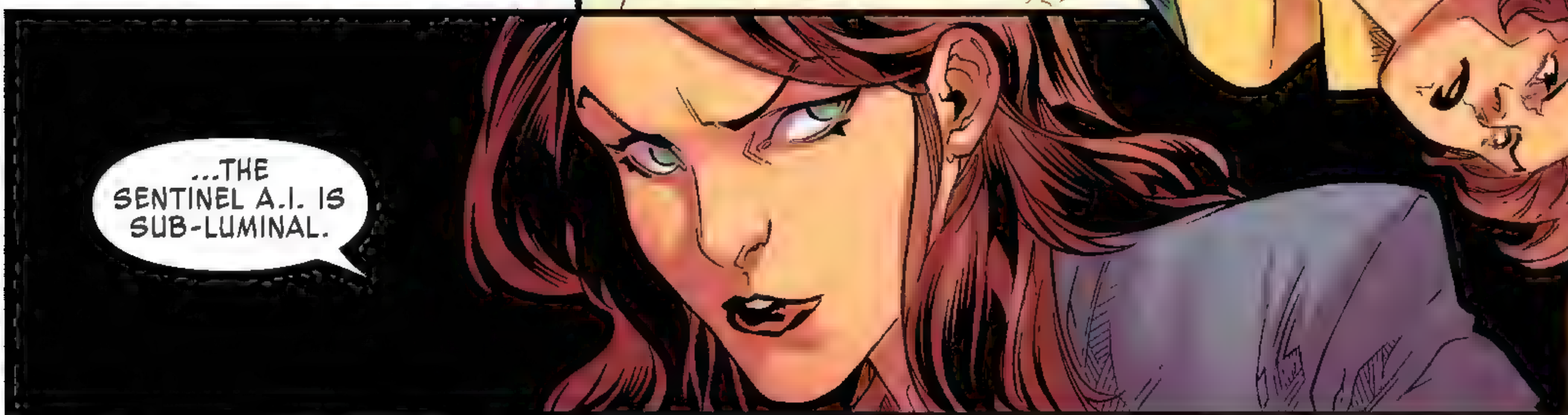


KEEP
THE JET
LEVEL, FUZZY
ELF.



I'VE GOT
THIS.

"IDIOT..."



...THE
SENTINEL A.I. IS
SUB-LUMINAL.



"IT LEARNS FROM PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS."



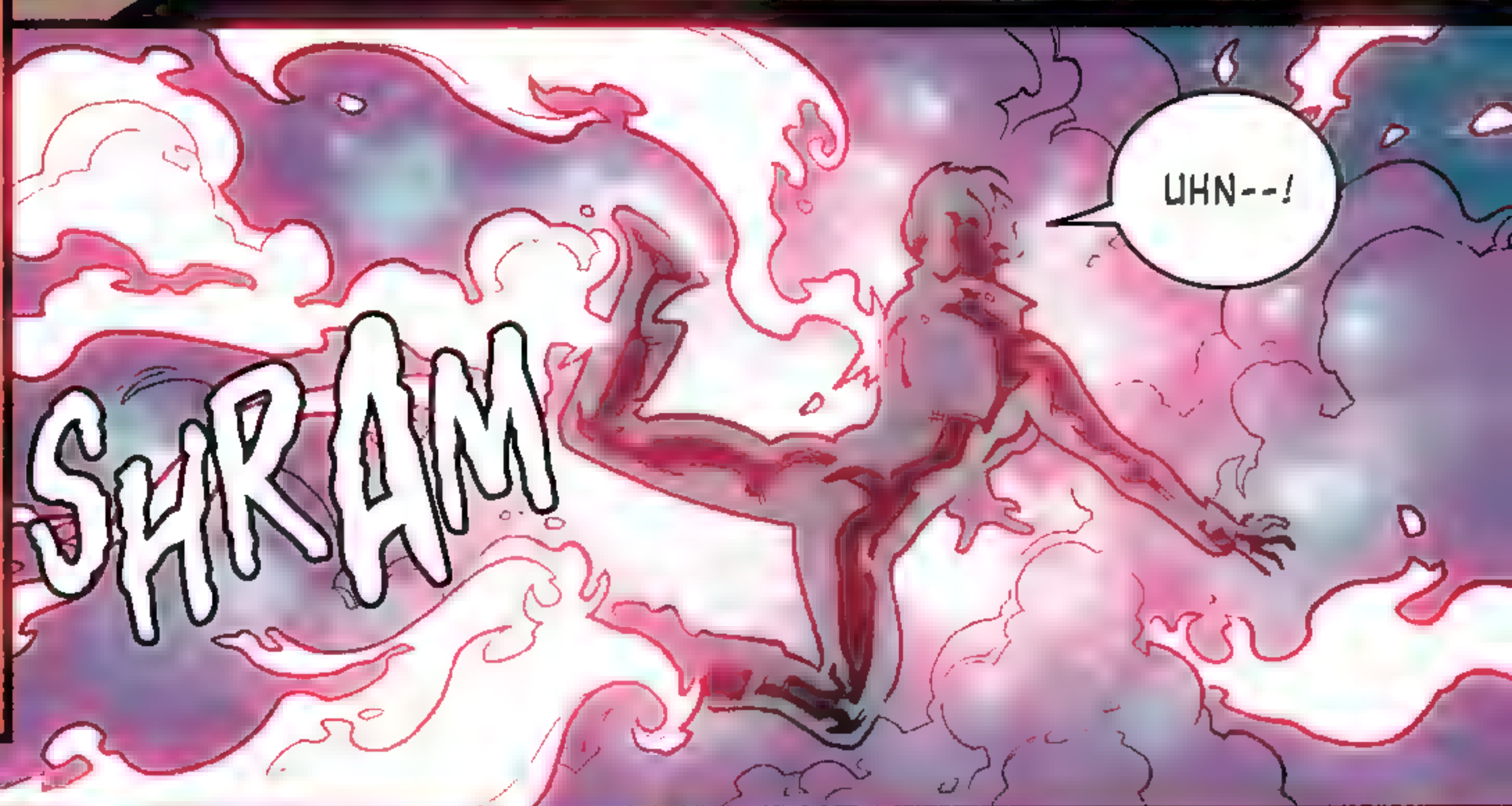
IDIOT.

THE SENTINEL A.I. IS SUB-LUMINAL. IT LEARNS FROM PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS.

PRASING THROUGH IT WON'T WORK A SECOND TIME.



A BALDNESS CLINIC? WHY WOULD IT ATTACK A--

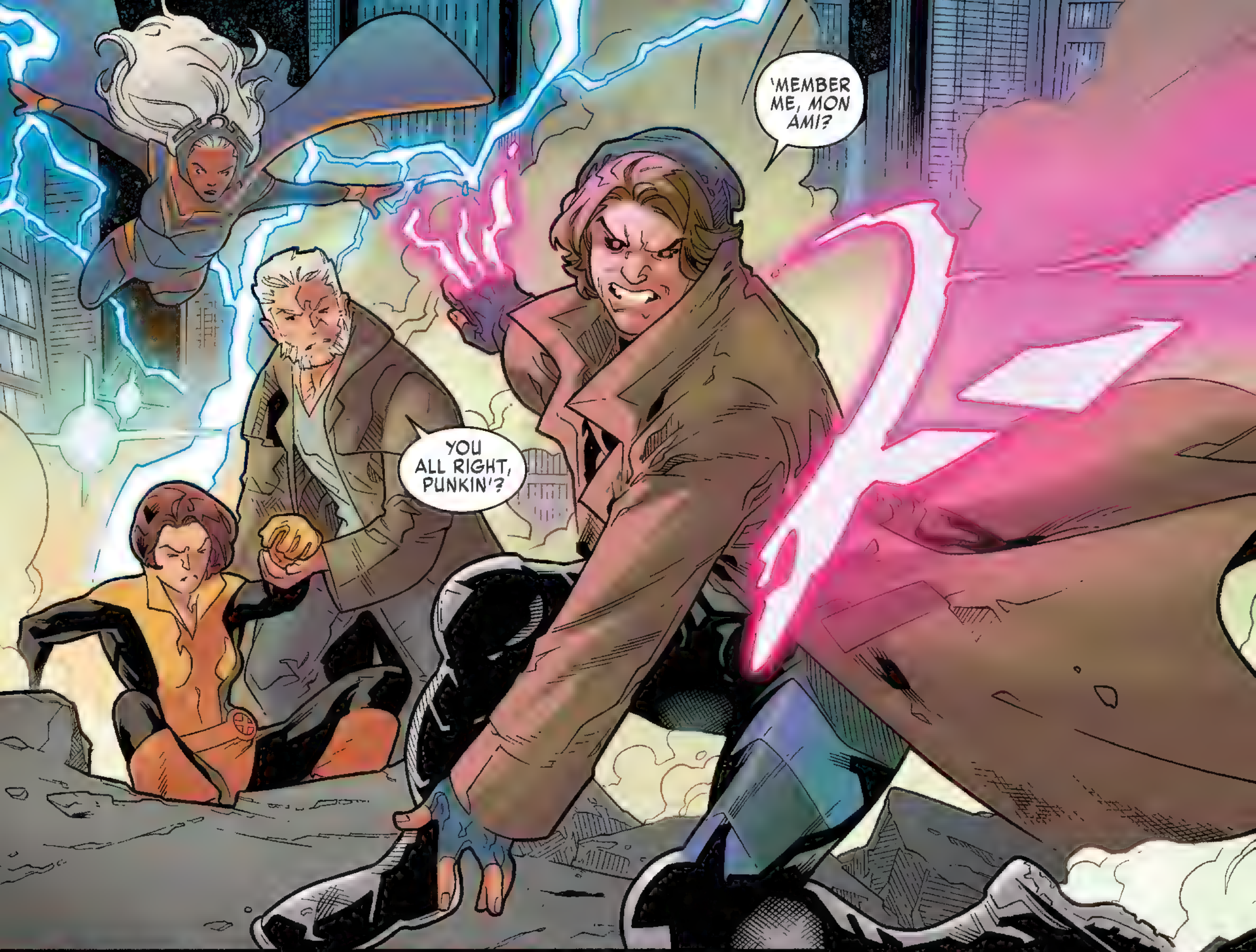


UHN--!



OH MON, PRYDE.

...GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME.



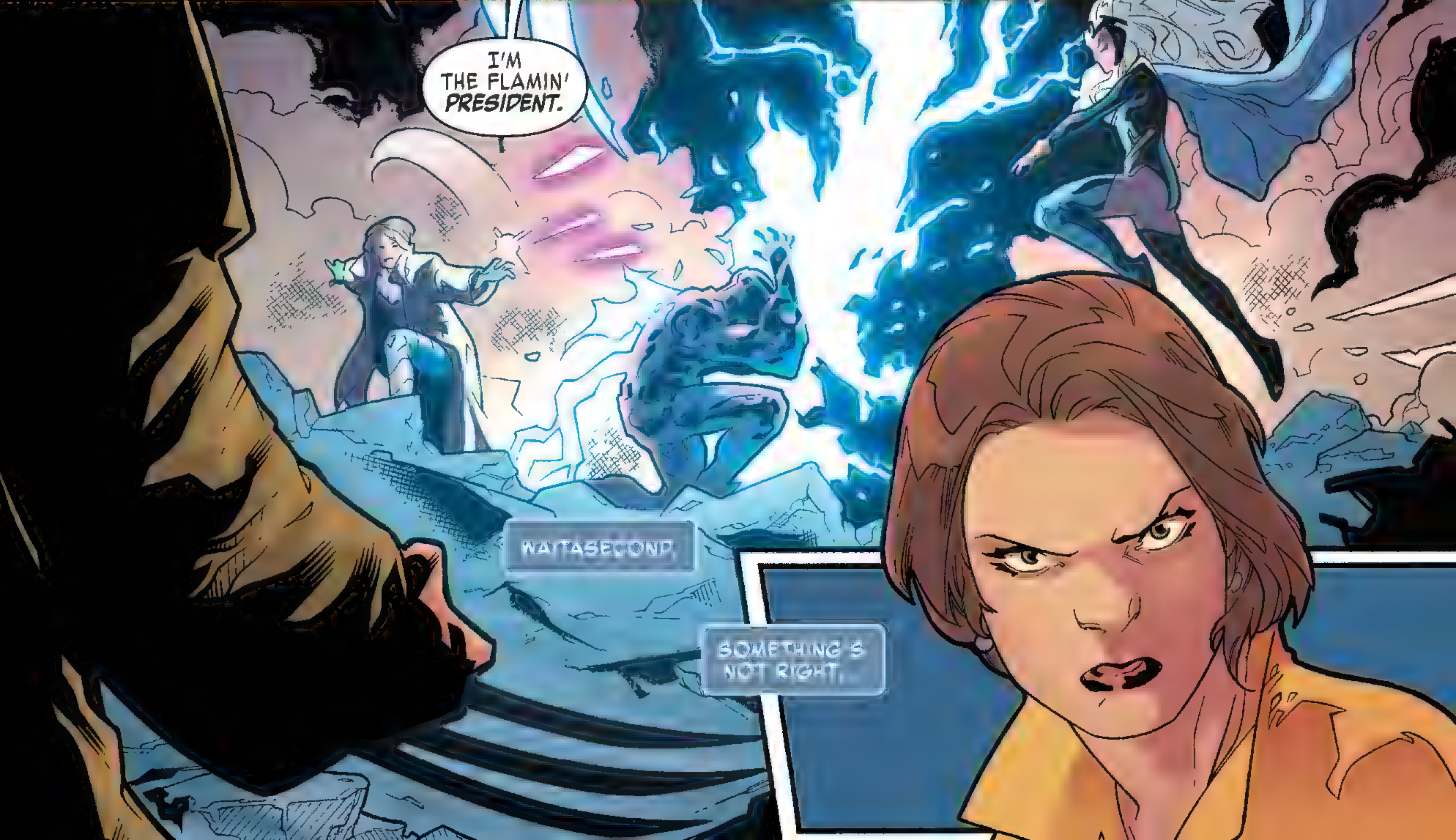
'MEMBER
ME, MON
AMI?

YOU
ALL RIGHT,
PUNKIN'?



I'M
PISSED.

JOIN THE
CLUB...



I'M
THE FLAMIN'
PRESIDENT.

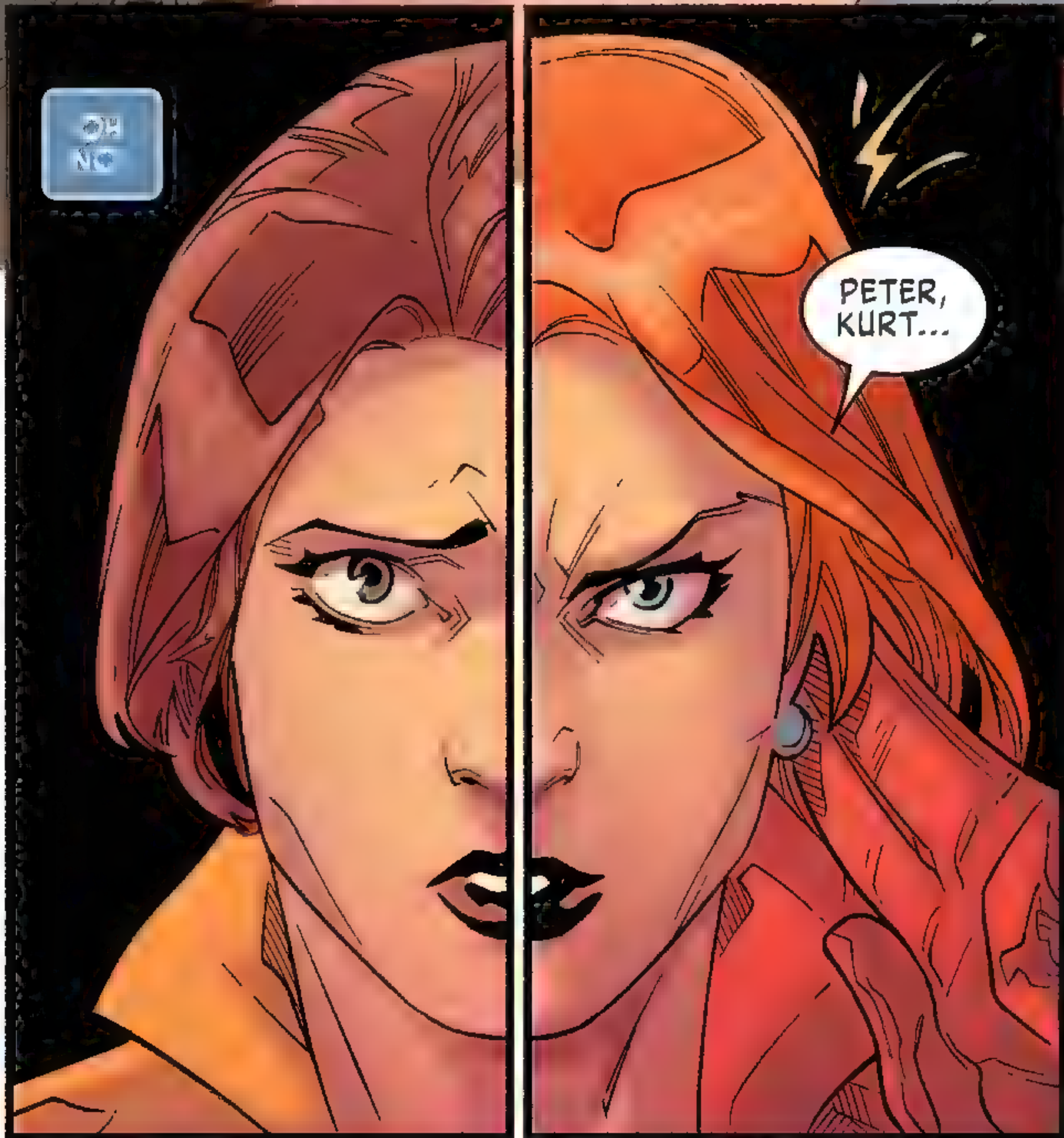
WAIT A SECOND.

SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT.



THE NANITE SWARM

IT'S SMALLER



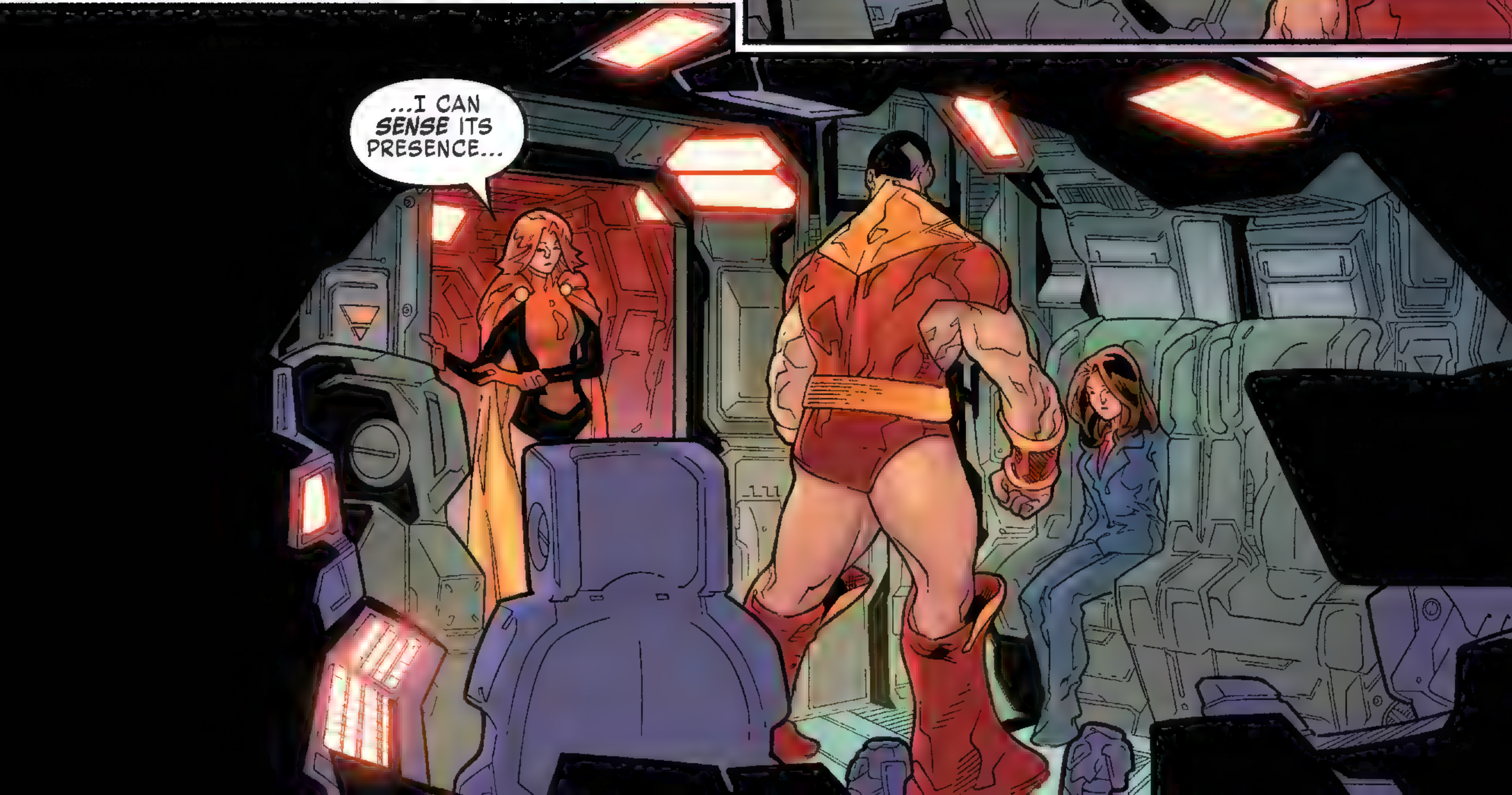
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PETER, KURT...

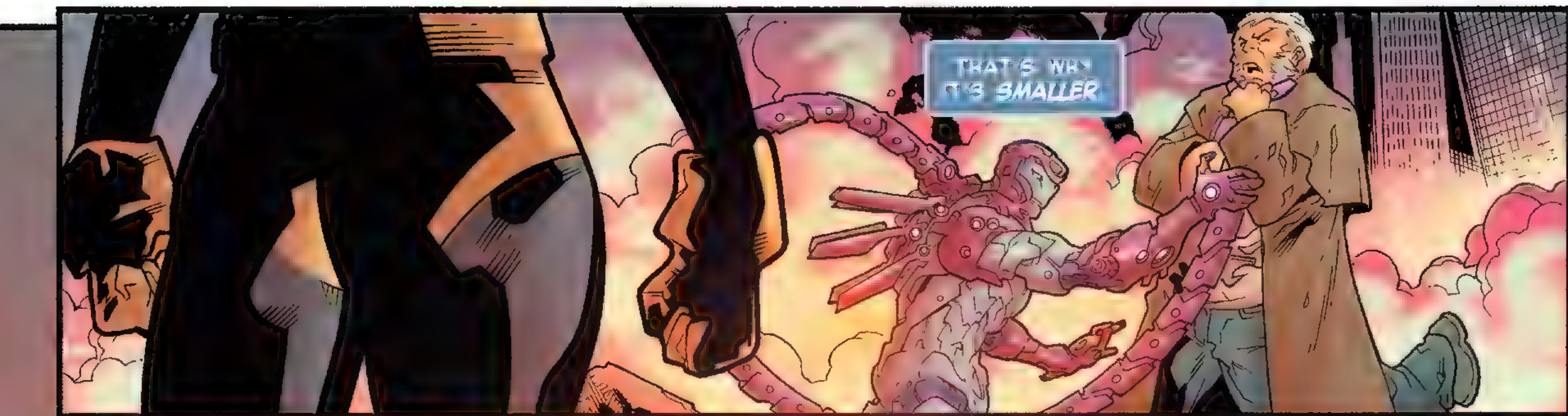


I THINK WE HAVE A NEW PROBLEM...

SHE'S RIGHT...

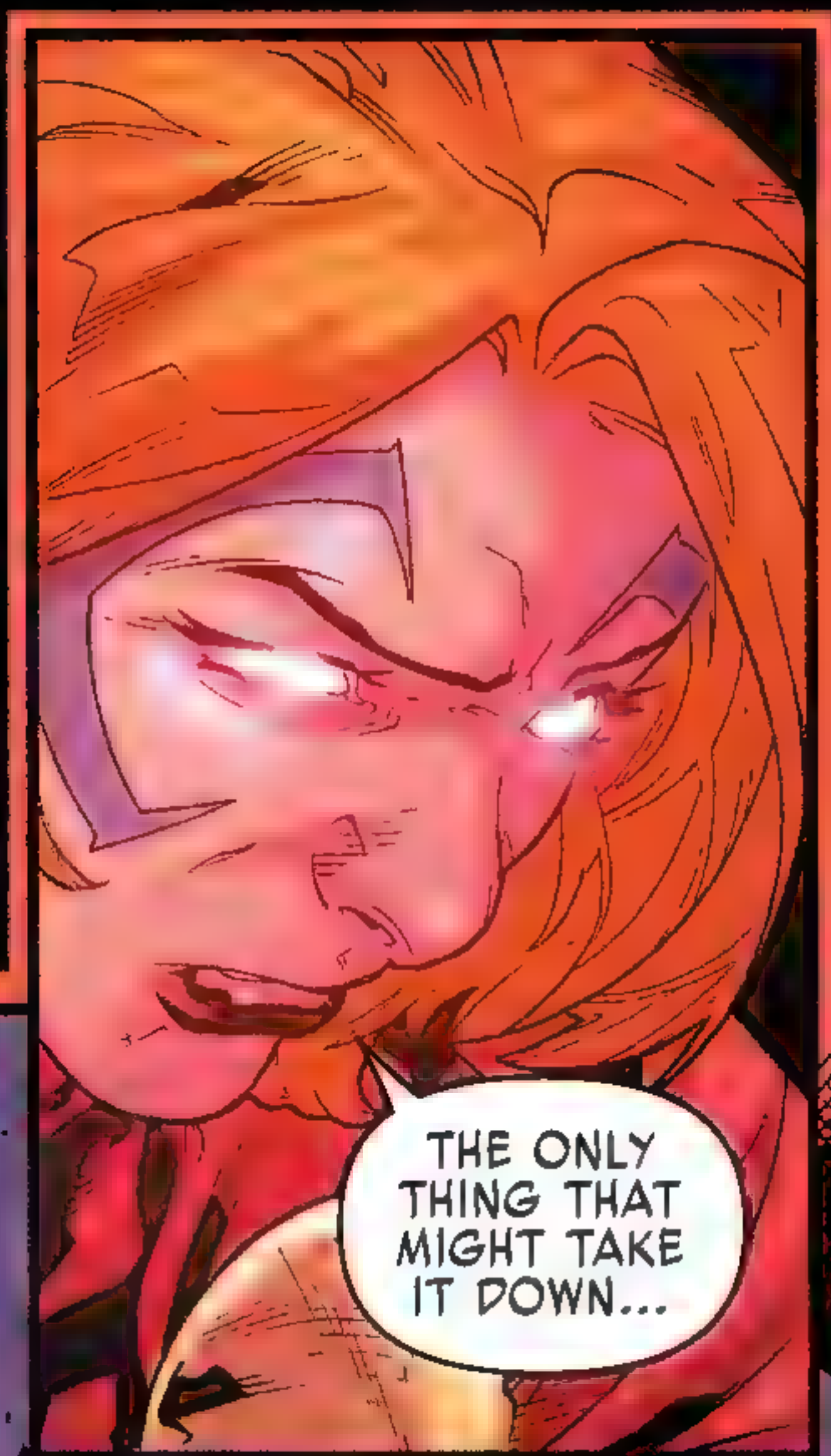


...I CAN SENSE ITS PRESENCE...

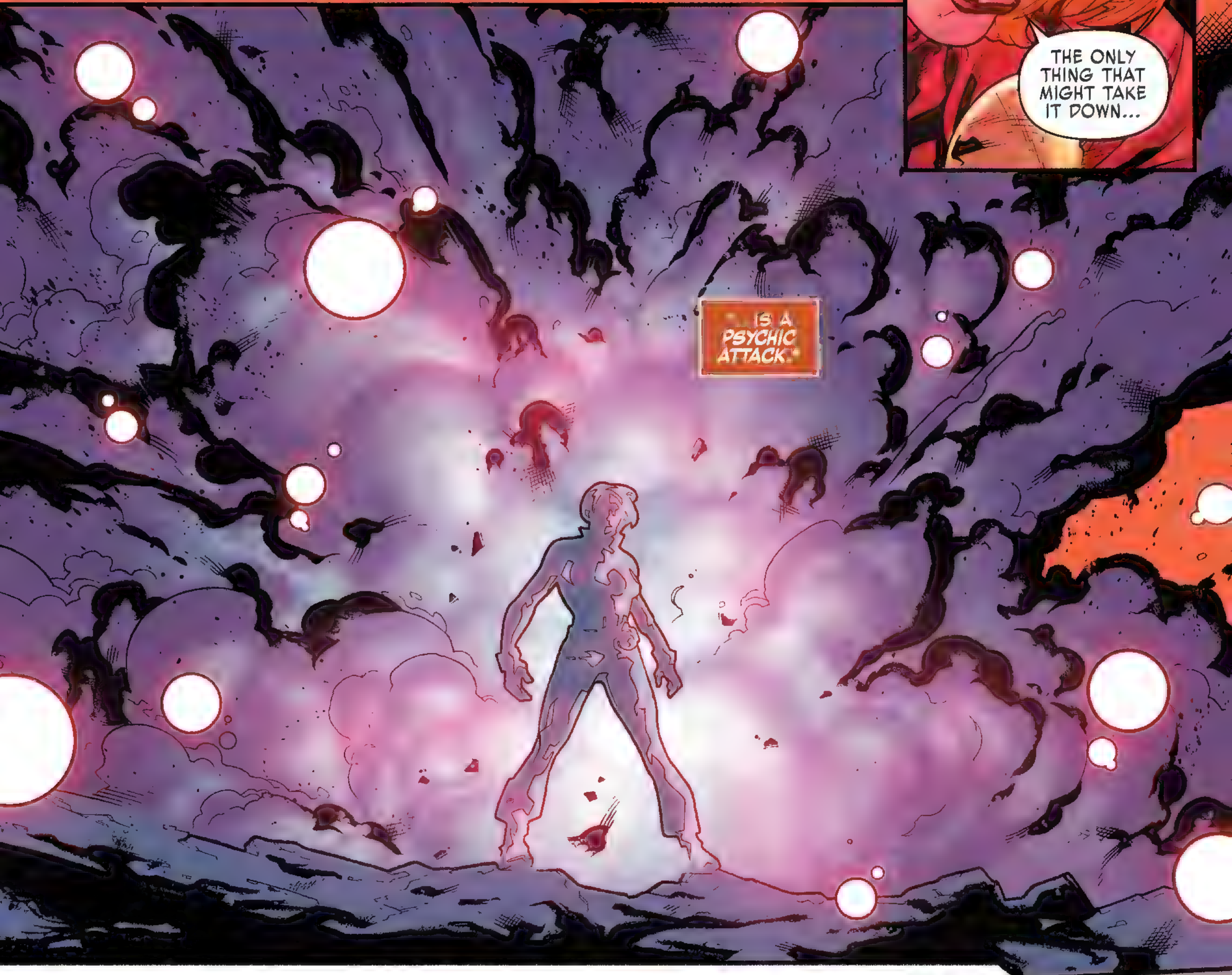


KATYA, I
DON'T THINK
RACHEL IS IN ANY
CONDITION
TO--

NO. SHE'S
RIGHT...



THE ONLY
THING THAT
MIGHT TAKE
IT DOWN...



IS A
PSYCHIC
ATTACK



NICE WORK,
RACHEL.



AT A COST,
KATYA.

RACHEL'S
UNCONSCIOUS.



AND OUR
ADVERSARY
IS AT WORK
ALL OVER THE
CITY.

TALK
TO ME.



9-1-1
REPORTS
COMING IN
NOW.

MULTIPLE
ATTACKS...



A CABBIE
IN HELL'S
KITCHEN.

ALEXIS DENSON,
THE REALITY TV STAR,
KILLED AT A NIGHTCLUB
IN HARLEM.

A CANCER
TREATMENT CLINIC
IN BEDFORD-
STUYVESANT.



ACTUALLY,
IT MAKES
PERFECT
SENSE.

I SUSPECT
YOU'LL FIND THE CAB
DRIVER SUFFERED
FROM SOME MEDICAL
CONDITION.

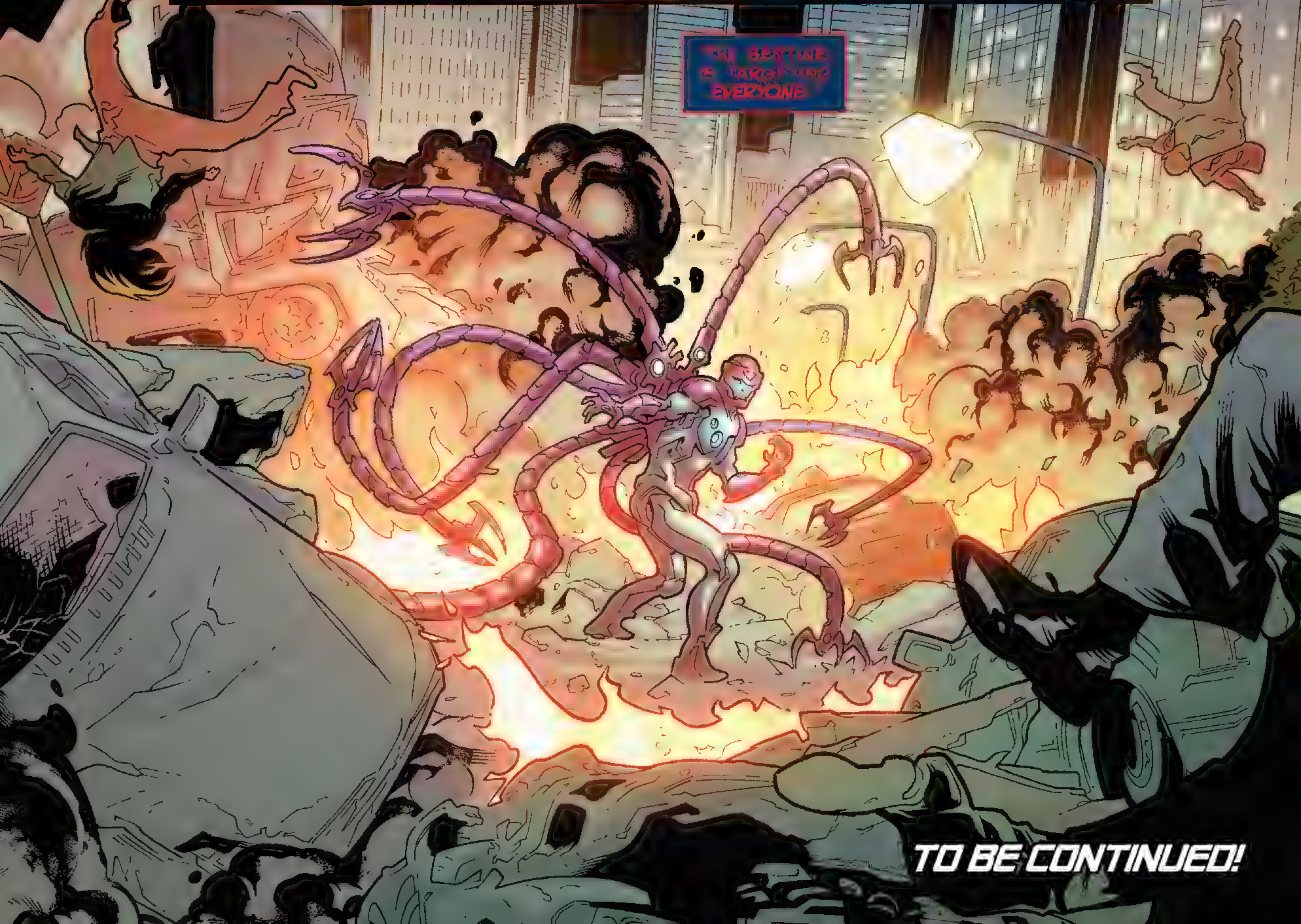
AND ALEXIS
DENSON IS
REPUTED TO BE
COLOR-BLIND.

SO...COLOR-
BLINDNESS,
BALDNESS...
CANCER...

SO?



THE SENTINEL
IS TARGETING
EVERYONE



TO BE CONTINUED!

X-MEN

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THE GOLD STANDARD

Welcome back.

As I write this, issue three is hitting the stands (brick-and-mortar and otherwise). By all accounts, Gold's launch has been an overwhelming success -- both critically and commercially -- and everyone here at The Gold Standard has you fine people to thank for that. So, thank you.

And thank you for your letters and emails. Speaking of which...

Thank god. Please hold the course for a decade or two before more myriad malevolent mental mash-ups meddle with the mighty mutants. And may this be the only GOLD #1 we have to live through until 2063. I want to earn back up to triple digits again!

M.M.M.,

Erik Jay Weber

Excellent email, Erik. Enviaible erudition.

Dear X-people,

I wanted to thank you for an excellent (X-cellent?) first issue with X-MEN GOLD! I've wanted to see the core X-books split back to blue and gold teams for years now -- it was like ya'll read my mind! And as an X-fan, seeing Marvel's merry mutants back to super heroics and out of the abysmal M-Pox era is a step in the right direction and definitely needed (plus, seeing Marvel's maligned minority allegory be the heel against Marvel's eugenics allegory was just not a pill many fans wanted to swallow). I'm excited for Gold, and waiting anxiously for BLUE, as Cullen Bunn has been doing the Lord's work in his X-books for years now!

Anyway, as always, #MakeMineMarvel and #XMenForever as the kids say with their hashtags and their twitters and their whatnots.

-Jae Thomas

(P.S. bring back Maggot.)

Thanks, Jae! And we did, in fact, read your mind. That's what we've got Rachel for, after all.

And I totally agree with you about Cullen's writing. He's a master and I'm learning a lot from him.

As for Maggot, everyone has a favorite X-Man/X-Woman and I'm looking to get as many of them into this book as possible.

I like the first issue and was wondering how you chose the team members. Will we be seeing Jubilee in GOLD or is she just in GENERATION X?

Best of luck,
James Payne

I chose the team members from among my favorite X-Men. Admittedly, though, I have a lot of favorites, so narrowing it down wasn't easy. Like I told Jae (Jae meet James, James meet Jae -- Jae and James meet Erik, he's a fan of alliteration), everyone has their favorite X-People and I'm certainly no exception.

As for Jubilee, you can expect to see her in Issue 7.

Greetings!

This is the first time I'm reading a continuing X-Men series, but from my experience reading other team books, I think there's a super genius missing in your current party. As such, I highly recommend calling Doctor Nemesis to help since he's been off the grid for quite some time now.

Please continue the good work,
Pedro Nogueira

I love me some Doctor Nemesis. He's a great character and has a great look. Consider him on the list of folks I'd love to get into these pages. But as far as geniuses go, don't sell Kitty short!

Well, I'm afraid that's all we have space for this issue. I feel like I should have some sort of sign-off (see what I did there, Erik?) catchphrase. I may have to outsource that to you folks...

Best,
Marc Guggenheim
Los Angeles, CA

HOUSE OF X

#XMENMONDAY has become one of the great joys of this X-Men Group Editor gig. Being able to interact with fans throughout the day is pretty X-ing cool...it's fun, energizing, inspiring (believe it or not) and gives me a sense of what kinds of things you dig...or don't. Interacting with comic book fans is nothing new. Letter columns have been around since the 1940s and, while limited and not very timely by today's standards, they serve the important function of connecting the reader to the editors and creators.

It goes without saying that I can't answer every question, but understand how vital your input is to those of us who work in the House of X. You let us know what you like, what you love and, of course, what you don't. That's valuable. Admittedly, sometimes it stings a bit when you don't like what we've done. And sometimes it gives us that extra spring in our step when you do. And sometimes it's just a plain old delight to read some of the fun stuff you guys write.

So keep making Monday the best day of the week by letting us know what you think (yes, even if it's bad). The connection started all those decades ago with the original letter columns is still very important to us. We make these books for you, and your opinions count.

Speaking of books to comment on, here's our comment-worthy checklist:

X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and R.B. Silva. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!
Issue #5 on sale now!

X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Julian Lopez. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast!
Issue #5 on sale 6/14/17!

WEAPON X:

By Greg Pak and Greg Land. The Weapon X program is back, but this time they are building weapons of mutant destruction. Old Man Logan, Sabretooth and a team of stealthy killers take the bloody battle back to them.
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ALL-NEW WOLVERINE:

By Tom Taylor and Leonard Kirk. A virus from another world threatens to wipe out mankind. Kicking off an epic tale that will take Laura Kinney to the stars.
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GENERATION X:

By Christina Strain and Amilcar Pinna. Jubilee and a band of mutant misfits in the new Xavier Institute. What could go wrong? EVERYTHING!
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By Dennis Hopeless and Victor Ibáñez. She's the leader of X-MEN BLUE, but what does she do when she's not leading the O5 in battle? What would you do if you had a premonition of the Phoenix Force returning?
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OLD MAN LOGAN:

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First chapter (issue #25) debuts this June!

ASTONISHING X-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!
Debuts this July!

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at officex@Marvel.com (add OK TO PRINT in the subject line). And don't forget about #XMENMONDAY on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my darnedest!



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X-MEN GOLD

X-MEN GOLD #6 IN TWO WEEKS



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